Production of pulses

1759. J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the production of pulses during the year 1985 and 1986;

(b) the extent to which the target has been achieved;

(c) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has evolved some better yielding pulse varieties,

(d) if so, what are details in this regard; and

(e) what coordinated efforts have been made at the policy level ensure the use of these new varieties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) target for pulses production during the year 1985-86 was 13.5 million tonnes and for the year 1986-87 is 14.0 million tonnes.

(b) The actual production during 1985-86 was of the order of 12.964 million tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Indian Agricultufral Research Institute has evolved better yielding pulse varieties during the last few years.

(d) The varieties evolved and notified for different pulses are:—

Bengal gram Pusa 209, 212, 244, 256, 408, 413 & 417.

In Arhar HY 2, HY 3c, HY 4, Pusa 74 and Pusa 84,

Cowpea V 16, Field-pea Hans.

The varieties which have been identified are BG 261 (gram), Lens 4076 (lentil), DMR 11 (filled-pea), V 240 (cowpea) and pusa 33 and 85 in Arhar.

(e) A programme of seed multiplication of these varieties has been taken up with the help of National Seeds Corporation, State Farm Corporation of India and other agencies in the country. The seeds of these varieties are distributed amongst the farmers through general minikits, minikits of small and marginal farmers, laying out of adaptive trials and organisation of large scale block demonstrations under the Pulses Develpment Programme. In addition these varieties are also made available to the farmers for general cultivation.

Pending applications with DDA for allotment of flats

1760. SHRI K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications which are pending at present with the Delhi Development Authority for allotment of flats, category-wise;

(b) the number of applications which are pending for more than three years, category-wise;

(c) whether any application is pending for more than five years, if so, what are the details thereof, category-wise;

(d) by when DDA propose to allot flats;

(e) how many allottees are still waiting for getting possession of flats and by when DDA is likely to give possession; and

(f) what steps are being taken to expedite the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Central assistance to Rajasthan for drinking water

1761. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central financial assistance to the State Government of Rajasthan in the execution of the drinking water programme has been considerably prunned;